(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 54 fighter planes crashed during the last three years.

(c) The documents of Courts of Inquiry are confidential and can not be made public. However, causes of the accidents are made public in each case, once the inquiry is finalised.

(d) No, sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Recruitment in Defence Organisations in Jabalpur

†520. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision has been made for new recruitment in defence organisations located at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, whether the recruitment would be made a lower level also; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the recruitments being made in other defence organisations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement for software licences without tender

521. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Karodon rupayaon ke software ghotale se raksha mantralya mein tehelka" appearing in the Navbharat Times dated 5th May, 2001.

(b) if so, Government's views and reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government accepted an agreement with Armies Soft

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.